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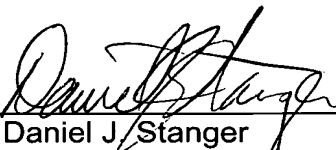
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It is hereby certified that an error or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

In the claims, please amend claims 1, 2, 10 and 12 as follows:

1. An automotive radar comprising:

a transmitting antenna and receiving antennas arranged on the top face of a grounding conductor plate, and

a radar transmitter/receiver apparatus for supplying a signal to the transmitting antenna and detecting the azimuth of an obstacle from signals of a wave reflected by the obstacle and received by the receiving antennas,

wherein a diffracted wave prevention structure is provided at edges two of the four sides of the top face of said grounding conductor plate at least in part, the two of the four sides extending substantially parallel to an imaginary boundary line between the transmitting antenna and the receiving antenna, and said diffracted wave prevention structure being arranged to prevent a diffracted wave being generated through radiation from the transmitting antenna, reflection by the obstacle and diffraction at the edges and then being received by the receiving antenna.

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2. The automotive radar according to claim 1, wherein said diffracted wave prevention structure comprises a radio wave absorber covering said ~~top face edges two of the four sides~~ at least in part and arranged on the top face of said grounding conductor plate.

10. The automotive radar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~top face edges two of the four sides~~ of said grounding conductor plate are at least in part made up of at least two faces.

11. The automotive radar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~top face edges two of the four sides~~ of said grounding conductor plate at least in part have a curved face.

12. The automotive radar according to claim 1, wherein the ~~top face edges two of the four sides~~ of said grounding conductor plate are provided with projections.

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